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MAY TO BESSIE.

For the Public Ledger.]

Of in the calm lone hours of night,

My thoughts stray off, dear girl, to thee:

The happy hours we spent at school,

Still, they are fresh in memory.

Oh, yes, dear friend, thy soft mild eyes

That beamed with tenderness on me,

I see them 'mid the shades of night,

They draw my musing thoughts to thee.

Our hearts are young, our life is bright.

We have no need for sorrow's tears,

But we'll grow old, our hearts grow sad,

Through life's long weary waste of years,

But Bessie, will you love me then

As fondly as you love to-day?

Or will the gem I prize so much,

Be lightly from you cast away?

That rich pure gem, a woman's love,

How deep and holy is the shrine—

The casket that conceals the flame

From other eyes, but not from mine!

How like an angel's gentle touch,

That soft and fairy hand of thine:

I'm walled back to days long past,

When it was fondly clasped in mine!

Small am growing and, dear girl,

Ah! I, who boast a heart so gay:

Alas! the brilliant joys we claim,

Are fleeting as the falling spray!

Yes, Bessie, like the falling spray,

These joys in far off distant years,

Will fade away, and our young life,

So bright, will end in bitter tears!

April 18, 1875. M. E. R.

COL. RICHARD THOMAS ZARVONA

The death of this distinguished and

gallant Confederate officer is thus announced in the Port Tobacco Independent:

DEATH OF A CONSPICUOUS CHARACTER OF THE LATE WAR.

Colonel Richard Thomas, generally

called Madam Thomas, died suddenly last Wednesday night at the residence of his brother, James Thomas, in St. Mary's county, Maryland. Colonel Thomas became very conspicuous in the early part of the late civil war by the capture of the steamer St. Nicholas. He took passage in the steamer at Baltimore, disguised as a "French lady," and at night, assisted by a few of his men on board, he arrested the captain and officers of the steamer and run her to Fredericksburg, Virginia. After the war he resided some years in Paris, but returned to this country about two years ago. He was unmarried.

Colonel Zervona was a most interesting and extraordinary man. He possessed a very fine intellect, greatly improved by cultivation, was well educated; had acquired a large fund of valuable and useful information on almost all subjects; was a good conversationalist, and a most pleasant and agreeable gentleman. As an officer, he was as brave as the bravest, cool, sagacious and intrepid, bold, resolute, and daring almost to rashness.

He came to Richmond very shortly after the secession of Virginia, accompanied by Captain G. W. Alexander, a kindred spirit, and tendered their services to me, with an expression of their willingness to act in any position to which I might assign them. Their tender was accepted, and they rendered important, valuable, faithful and gallant service to the State and the Confederate cause. Zervona is dead; Alexander still lives.

If any man has ever lived of whom it might be said, "He was insensible to fear," Zervona was undoubtedly that man. He universally sought the most hazardous undertakings and fearlessly exposed himself to the most formidable dangers. And yet modesty, candor and sincerity were marked characteristics of his nature. Gentleness, kindness, tenderness, were predominant traits in his character. He was a sincere and devoted friend, a true and tried citizen, and a patriotic and gallant soldier. He was somewhat eccentric, but his eccentricities did not render him disagreeable; on the contrary, tended rather to inspire regard for and excite interest in him.

CAPTURE OF THE ST. NICHOLAS.

A few days after he reached Richmond he stated to me that he had a plan for the capture of the "Pawnee," a formidable vessel, then lying in the Potomac river, opposite Aquia creek, and which was annoying our troops there stationed. I suggested to him that I would like to have Commodore Maury present when his plan was unfolded and discussed, in order to have the benefit of his knowledge and large experience, and the valuable suggestions I knew he could give us. To this he readily assented, and Commodore Maury was sent for, but being engaged at the time, sent a message that he would call the next morning at nine o'clock. He was punctual in his attendance (as was his custom), and Zervona explained his plan and the means by which he proposed to carry it into execution. His plan was to go to Baltimore, unite with him ten or a dozen resolute, daring young men, take passage on the St. Nicholas, and at a given signal take control of her, and depose the officers—Zervona assuming the command. The St. Nicholas was said to be the mail boat on which were carried the mails for the "Pawnee," and was in the habit of running alongside of her in the night unchallenged, and discharging the mail. This was the scheme, and we all considered it feasible.

The question then came up as to the manner of executing it. We were to call upon the Secretary of the Navy and procure from him the necessary number of Colt's navy pistols and a supply of ammunition, cutlasses, etc., to arm as many men as the vessel could carry. All these things were promptly furnished by Mr. Mallory and sent on to Fredericksburg. We were also to apply to Mr. Walker, the Secretary of War, for an order to General Holmes, commanding at Fredericksburg, to select six hundred of his reliable troops, who should be sent to the mouth of Cone river by an hour to be agreed upon, and who should carry with them the arms sent up by the Secretary of the Navy. The St. Nicholas was to be there and receive so many of the troops as could be used in boarding and securing the Pawnee, the residue of the troops to remain at Cone river to guard the vessels that Zervona might capture before he reached that place. He did capture a large amount of coffee, ice, and other articles of much value to the State and Confederacy. The scheme was approved by the President, and we went actively to work to carry it out. The troops did not reach Cone river, however, until some hours after the appointed time, owing to some misapprehension of the orders. What the misapprehension was, or how it occurred, I have never learned. Hence the St. Nicholas, with her prizes, was taken to Fredericksburg, and the cargoes there landed. Captain Alexander accompanied Zervona to Baltimore, and aided greatly in effecting the capture of the St. Nicholas. It was regarded as a

BOLD AND HAZARDOUS ENTERPRISE

when it was undertaken, and the Confederate and State authorities, who were alone in the secret, awaited the result most anxiously.

After Zervona's and Alexander's return to Richmond, I commissioned the former as colonel, and the latter as captain, with the cordial approval of the Council and the convention then in session.

After the capture of the St. Nicholas, the Northern people became exceedingly bitter towards Zervona, and he requested me, by legislative act, to have his name changed from Richard Thomas to Richard Thomas Zervona, which was done, and he was commissioned colonel by the name of Richard Thomas Zervona.

The boldness and success of this act made Colonel Zervona well and favorably known to, and caused him to be most highly appreciated by the people of Virginia and the South. Vast numbers of citizens of Richmond called to make his acquaintance and to pay their respects to him—to express their thanks—and tender their congratulations. His room at the Executive Mansion was generally crowded with visitors from the city and the country, upon all of whom he made a very favorable impression. Many of the people of Virginia will doubtless recollect him.

At that time he was about twenty-one years of age, of rather small frame, unusually active, and possessed wonderful energy and determination. He wore the Zouave dress, and the cap corresponding with it. His hair was cut very close. His habits were good, and while with me I never knew him to taste ardent spirits.

When subsequently captured on the Patuxent steamer the Federals imprisoned him, first in Fort McHenry, and afterward in Fort Lafayette, and kept him confined until the close of the war. After his release I received several letters from him, in all of which he complained that his health had greatly suffered from his long confinement and harsh treatment.

I became very much attached to him, and appreciated him most highly for his integrity and his intellect; for his coolness and his courage; for his public and private virtues, and for the possession of all those qualities that make up the man. How true it is, and yet how sad it makes us feel to know it—

"That while the years, an endless host, Come pressing swiftly on,

The brightest names that earth can boast Just gladden—and are gone."

March 29, 1875. JOHN LATCHER.

The Capt. G. W. Alexander referred to above was afterward promoted to a colonelcy, and is now a resident of Memphis.

The Mammoth Cave of Mexico.

It is said that the cave of Cacahumilpa is the largest cave in the world. Several persons who have visited the Mammoth Cave of Kentucky and that of Cacahumilpa in Mexico pronounce the latter the larger. A volcanic mountain with an extinct crater covers this cave. It is not described in guide-books or books of travel. It has, in fact, never been adequately described. Mr. Porter C. Bliss has twice examined and explored it, the last time in February of the past year. Six hundred persons constituted the last exploring party; they were provided with Bengal lights

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and scientific appliances. After reaching a level at perhaps fifty feet depth, they proceeded three and three-quarter miles into the interior. The roof was so high—a succession of halls—that rockets often exploded before striking it. Labyrinthine passages leave the main hall in every direction. Stalagmites and stalactites are abundant. Below this cave, at a great depth, are two other immense caves, from each of which issues a branch of a great river, uniting here. These two rivers enter some five miles distant at the other side of the mountain, flow parallel and issue at last together. Vast quantities of bats are the most numerous inhabitants of these caverns.

Female Society.

It is better for you to pass your leisure evenings in a lady's drawing-room, even though the conversation is slow, and you know the girl's song by heart, than in a club, a tavern, or a pit of a theater. All amusements of youth to which virtuous women are not admitted, rely on it, are deleterious in their nature. All men who avoid female society have dull perceptions, and are stupid, or have gross tastes, and revolt against what is pure. Your club swaggers, who are sucking the butts of billiard cues all night, call female society insipid. Poetry is uninspiring to a jockey; beauty has no charms for a blind man; music does not please a poor beast who does not know one tune from another; but as a pure epicure is hardly tired of water-sauces, and brown bread and butter, I protest I can sit for a whole night talking with a well regulated kindly woman about her girl Fanny or her boy Frank, and like the evening's entertainment. One of the great benefits a man derives from a woman's society is that he is bound to be respectful to her. The habit is of great good to your moral man, depend upon it. Our education makes us the most eminently selfish men in the world.—Thackeray.

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